

and aperture. Upon close inspection it was found to belong to the genus *Horatia*, a genus which had been collected only twice before in the United States. The first specimens (five dead shells) were collected in 1903 by Pilsbry and Ferriss from drift debris on the bank of the Guadalupe River, above New Braunfels, Texas. The second locality is a subterranean stream in Manitou Cave, near Fort Payne, Alabama, where living specimens in large numbers were collected by the author in 1939.—LESLIE HUBRICHT.

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### THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MALACOLOGICAL UNION

Returning to the scene of its first meeting, which was on April 30, 1931, the American Malacological Union held its tenth annual convention in the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia from June 17 to 21, 1940. Here, on Tuesday morning, June 18, Mr. Charles M. B. Cadwalader for the second time extended to this group of Malacologists the hospitality of the institution of which he is president.

The program of scientific papers presided over by Dr. Horace B. Baker, President of the Union, was continued over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, a final business session being held on Thursday afternoon.

As guests of Miss Anne Harbison members were entertained at dinner in the Barclay Hotel Tuesday evening. On this occasion Mr. Norman W. Lermond, Corresponding Secretary of the Union, was presented with a testimonial of appreciation for his labors during the winter of 1930-31 which culminated in the organization of the Union the following spring. This appreciation was in the form of a poem by Dr. Paul Bartsch, handsomely engrossed on parchment in a tooled leather binding and signed by all the members present.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Frank R. Schwengel's perennial and liberal hospitality was again enjoyed by every one at a cocktail party and buffet dinner in the Orchid Room of the Warwick Hotel.

The Annual Dinner climaxed the social features of the convention. It was held in the Library of the Academy and because this meeting marked its tenth anniversary, a special program

had been arranged to do honor to its first president, Dr. Henry A. Pilsbry. Dr. Paul Bartsch, as toastmaster called on several speakers,<sup>1</sup> each of whom voiced an affectionate appreciation of the labors, in research and writing, the goodfellowship, patience and kindness in the field and laboratory, and the unfailing loyalty and devotion of this eminent leader.

A list of papers presented follows. Most of them were illustrated by lantern slides.

Tuesday Morning:

Drs. Carlos de la Torre and Paul Bartsch: The Cyclophoridae of Cuba.

Dr. P. Bartsch: The Cyclophoridae of the West Indies, exclusive of Cuba.

Drs. P. Bartsch and J. P. E. Morrison: The Cyclophoridae of the mainland of America.

Tuesday Afternoon:

Dr. H. B. Baker: Are snails animals?

Mr. M. S. Briscoe: The growth of the radula in *Goniobasis virginica*.

Dr. F. C. Baker: Report on the progress of the monograph of American Planorbidae.

Wednesday Morning:

Dr. B. R. Bales: The rock dwellers of the Florida Keys.

Dr. Myra Keen: Marine Mollusca common to Japan and west North America.

Miss Bernadine Barker: Travels in Venezuela, Curaçao and Haiti.

Dr. Myra Keen: The muricid genus *Typhis*, subgenus *Tali-typhis*.

Wednesday Afternoon:

Mr. H. F. Wheeler and Dr. Allan F. Archer: Mollusca of Monte Sano, Alabama.

Dr. d'Alté Welch: Achatinellae from Oahu, Hawaii.

Thursday Morning:

Dr. Wm. J. Clench: Where should I collect?

Dr. Harold A. Rehder: On some West Indian Naticidae.

Dr. Henry A. Pilsbry: Distribution of Polygyridae.

Dr. Allan F. Archer: Pine woods as adequate habitat types of land Mollusca.

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<sup>1</sup> A detailed list of speakers at the Annual Dinner will be printed in the Annual Report to be issued separately.

## Thursday Afternoon:

Dr. J. P. E. Morrison: Population studies on *Goniobasis*.

Dr. Henry D. Russell: Collecting in Santo Domingo.

In an endeavor to give tangible evidence of its regard and esteem, the American Malacological Union, through its Financial Secretary, Mrs. Harold R. Robertson, informed Dr. Pilsbry of the projected publication by the Union of a bibliography of his published works comprising over one thousand titles. This will be distributed to the membership and will prove an invaluable aid to every serious student of the mollusca. A perusal of the titles alone will serve as a stimulus to investigation since they cover a wide range not only in the field of malacology but in other subjects as well, and demonstrate what is possible for one man to do.

Dr. Pilsbry responded, voicing his appreciation of the sincere affection manifested toward him and of which he had received such overwhelming evidence. On his part this regard was no less deep toward his co-workers and friends in the Union. The concluding feature of the program was the presentation of a red rose to Dr. Pilsbry by Mrs. Frank R. Schwengel, a token of the love of each and all.

Resolutions were adopted expressing appreciation and thanks to President Cadwalader and the members of his staff who contributed so wholeheartedly in making the meeting a success; to the committee of arrangements for formulating a most interesting program; to Miss Anne Harbison and Mrs. Frank R. Schwengel for their delightful hospitality, which made the two evenings devoted thereto outstanding in the history of our organization, and to our retiring president, Dr. Horace B. Baker, for the masterful way in which he has piloted our meeting and for all else that he has done to make the endeavors of the A. M. U. outstanding on this occasion.

On Friday morning at 9 o'clock autos were boarded for a trip to the Morris Arboretum followed by a picnic lunch at 12:30 at Bloomfield Park where the Misses Grace and Elizabeth Pilsbry charmingly performed the duties of hostesses. This was the final event of a week packed with delightful episodes.

The next meeting will be held in the Knox Academy of Arts and Sciences, Thomaston, Maine, in August, 1941.